

# The Miner.

## Local Intelligence.

PRESCOTT, July 2, 1870.

### Weather, Crops, &c.

We are in hourly expectation of rain, the weather being quite hot for this place, and the sky almost obscured by great black and white clouds—sure forerunners of rain. Corn, potatoes, etc., look quite well, and can stand the drought a week or two longer. The ground, although but little rain and snow have fallen in the past year, is moist at a less depth than one inch from the surface, which fact, and it is a fact, goes to show that our soil is capable of holding moisture a very long time. The late dash of rain was heavier in some localities than in others. For instance, it rained heavily in Skunk and Kirkland Valleys, and in the lower portion of Williamson Valley, while at other places it merely laid the dust. It is now possible that the wheat and barley crops in this part of the county have gone by the board, and more in the pit; for had not the drought and frost blighted them, our farmers would now be harvesting heavy crops of these cereals. As it is, they will not be able to gather enough seed for next year. Some fields in which wheat and barley were sown, have been plowed and planted to corn, and should Providence send us a fair amount of rain, we will yet raise sufficient grain to meet the demands of Government and people, but it will have to come soon, or all will be lost. It may be a long time before another drought will affect this section, nevertheless it will, hereafter, be well for our farmers to plow deep and prepare the soil for drought. In the dry season, considerable dew falls all over the mountainous region of our Territory, which, in the absence of rain, helps considerably. There being but few large streams in this vicinity, irrigation is out of the question, consequently, our farmers are entirely dependent upon the moisture that falls from the clouds to make their lands produce, and it has been quite sufficient in past years, there is a good reason to believe that there will be plenty this year.

On the Verde, Salado and Gila rivers, in fact, wherever there has been water to irrigate with, magnificent crops of wheat and barley have been raised and harvested, and the same ground that produced them is now covered with corn, two crops a year being produced off land all over the western section of our country, in which the settlements on the Gila, Verde and Salt rivers, all three of which streams afford plenty of water the year round to irrigate the thousands of rich acres bordering them.

### Capitol Block.

When the town site of Prescott was laid off into blocks, squares and lots, early in 1864, there was reserved a certain block of land, east of the Plaza, upon which, it was then confidently hoped, capitol buildings would soon be reared, but, to this day, Capitol Block remains unimproved, and, as Prescott is no longer the capital of the Territory, it is now a question with some, whether it is not best to use the block of land for other than capitol purposes. Those who think that it is, have recently signed a paper, offering said block of land to the Federal Government, for the purpose of building thereon headquarters of the Military Department of Arizona, and we learn, that the present will be tendered General Stoneman soon after his arrival here. In this connection, it may be pertinent to state that, not long ago, some citizens "jumped" this block, fenced it, and, for aught we know, now lay claim to it.

Nevertheless, we think that the parties who jumped and fenced it would raise no objection to donating it to the Federal Government, for the purpose above stated, as the erection of Government buildings thereon would enhance the value of other property owned by them. Therefore, should General Stoneman, on behalf of Government, accept the gift that is certain to be offered him, and agree to erect the necessary buildings, it is to be presumed that two-thirds, perhaps all our citizens, would rejoice. Looking at the matter in this light, the MINER cannot but hope that the General will accept, and Government agree to the proposition.

In consulting thus, we must not, by any means, be interpreted as giving up all hopes of seeing the capital of the Territory permanently located here, for we firmly believe that an honest legislator and Governor will yet give us back that of which we were robbed—the capital. The honest people of the Territory know that Prescott, with its central location, mild, healthy climate, pure, cold water, abundance of building material, etc., is the proper place for the seat of Government, and they will not rest satisfied until it is legislated back here by honest legislators.

SWANSON & DOUGAN, two enterprising young men, have formed a partnership, and are doing a fair commission business, at their place on Garley street, opposite the adobe store. They have a choice assortment of tobacco and cigars, which they sell mighty cheap. Animals, houses, goods, etc., sold by them on commission.

GRANT'S stage arrived from the west, Tuesday last, with three passengers and a moderate-sized mail. Among the passengers, was L. C. Gray, of the Big Bug Mining Company, who came direct from San Francisco, where he has been, on business for himself and the Territory. We say for the Territory, because he and his company are and have been hard at work developing the mineral resources of the Territory. He comes back filled with hope, and more thoroughly satisfied than ever before of the excellence of our Territory; the richness of our mines, and the near approach of deliverance from isolation, ill-luck and savage atrocities. In fact, the old gentleman is satisfied that his efforts to "bring the country out" are about to be crowned with success. He left for his mill and mines, in Big Bug District, Wednesday last. He informed us that much suffering existed among the poor laboring people of San Francisco, and that the southern section of the Golden State was much drier than this section of our Territory, in consequence of which crops were short, and grass was very scarce.

Dr. J. Julius Krahel, a native of Germany, died in Fort Whipple hospital on the morning of the 1st inst. of chronic diarrhoea.

## Scarcity of Troops.

In order to show people at a distance how the citizens of this Territory are protected from marauding Indians, it is but necessary to state that, recently, when the savages wounded A. G. Dunn's herd and ran off the herd, General Wheaton was unable to muster 20 soldiers to pursue them. The small force sent after them, under Lieutenant Graham, consisted of six privates and the same number of non-commissioned officers—all the available men at the post! But this little party, and a few citizens, chased the savages nearly two hundred miles, killed two or three of them, and compelled them to abandon most of the stock they had stolen. The savages, as is their wont, killed every animal previous to abandoning it. The fact is, the ranks of the few companies of troops now in this section of the Territory have been thinned, by death, desertion and discharge, until a few only are left in each company to do garrison duty, escort trains, mails, paymasters, etc. Indeed, we are reliably informed that the few men left in Major Perkins' company, (F, of the 21st Infantry), have to go on guard nearly every day, at Fort Whipple. Now, in the name of common sense, what kind of a way is this to fight Indians and protect peaceable citizens? Is it not disgraceful for a powerful Government like ours? Is it not rank injustice to the soldiers and citizens who are perilling their lives for their country, and is it not aiding, abetting, and encouraging the savage enemies of Government and people, to continue their murderous crusade against us? It is, and upon Congress rests the blame.

F. C. AYRES has re-opened the Pioneer stable, on Granite street, and is determined to run it in good style. Frank is known all over the Pacific coast, as an honest, upright man. See his advertisement.

We stated last week, that Hago A. B. Reid, who was, for a long time, Chief Clerk in the Quartermaster's Department at Fort Whipple, and who accompanied the Eighth Cavalry to New Mexico, had returned to this place, and given us some information which we could not then publish. That information was as follows: The men and officers of the companies of the 8th that left this section, wished themselves back here when Mr. Reid left New Mexico. The people of our sister Territory were praying for a railroad, for the opening of a good wagon road to Prescott, for the establishment of mail service on the Prescott and Albuquerque route, and for other things. —Moses Barth, brother of Sol Barth, formerly of this place, was in the guard house at Fort Wingate, for trading powder and lead to Apaches, and we hope he will be severely dealt with. —Mr. Reid says the troops, and trains that accompanied them, found plenty of water and grass on the road, and that no difficulties of a serious nature were encountered by them. In fact he likes the route, and thinks Government would save money by having supplies for the troops, here brought over it.

ABOUT OURSELVES.—Some of our readers may feel an interest in knowing that we, the editor, have been quite sick, of late; in fact, Old Death came mighty near hauling us over the line, one night last week. But we rallied, and persuaded the old chap to defer the closing scene awhile longer. In addition to our sickness, we have been pestered to death by carpenters, bricklayers, and other noisy mortals, who have been engaged in building an addition to the office, and making other improvements, so that if past and present numbers of the MINER have not been up to the mark, our readers can easily ascribe the reason, and will, we know, "do gently with the old man."

WELL FILLED STORES.—Our principal merchants have now on hand heavy stocks of goods, as can be seen by looking into their stores, warehouses and cellars, and more goods are constantly arriving for them. Trade, we are sorry to say, is yet quite dull, although it has, of late, been growing better. One good rain would loosen the strings of many purses and make business of every kind, brisk. We are glad to see our merchants so well prepared to supply the wants of our citizens, and the strangers who will come here this summer, and we can only hope that the time is near at hand when they will be enabled to put down prices. The enormous freights which consumers have to pay on articles imported from California cripples efforts to develop the Territory, and will continue to do so until the Indians are subdued, or until we have railroad communication.

CAVALRY SCOUT.—Our very good friend, Jos. Matt, who has charge of the sutler's store at Fort Rawlins, Williamson Valley, was here during the week, and was pleased to inform us that Colonel Evans, Van Vleet, Lieutenant Snede and about forty enlisted men of the Third Cavalry, returned to the Fort Sunday last, from a twenty-day scout through the Wallapai country. The command went as far as the Big Canyon of the Colorado, and some of the men took a swim in its rushing waters. Several Wallapais were encountered on the trip, all of whom professed astonishing friendship for the whites.

USEFUL AND BEAUTIFUL PRESENTS.—Geo. W. Barnard, our obliging and attentive P. M., who is also head of the firm of Barnard & Co., presented us, one day this week, with an exquisitely finished cigar-holder, and neat, tiny match safe. We had use for both articles, and accepted them without a murmur. *Gracias, amigo.*

NO MAIL.—The mail from the south failed to connect, last week, so that we are without news from the "Barro," and all other places south of Wickenburg. Isn't there something wrong down there?

ARRIVAL OF IMMIGRANTS.—Jacob Hafford and two or three other men, arrived here late last week, from Eastern Nevada, and profess themselves pleased with our country. They came in a wagon via Hardyville.

SCHOOL NOTICE.—The undersigned will again open school in Prescott, on Monday the 25th day of July, 1870, under more favorable circumstances than ever before. All are solicited to send their children. Proper interest and attention will be devoted to the school.

S. C. ROGERS, Teacher.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.—Cook & Bowers have now on hand, a large and choice stock of groceries and provisions, which they are selling very low, for cash, and all who are in want of supplies, will do well to call at the adobe store.

## The Recent Indian Raid Upon Walnut Grove.

News of this raid was received by us last week, too late to give anything like a full account of matters connected with the affair, so we will now proceed to do so: Monday, June 13, the savages stole two horses from John Burger, and next day, they stole ten head of donkeys from Mr. Lamberson. Tuesday night they visited the valley, cut down a great deal of wheat and carried it away to some secure place in the mountains. Mr. Lamberson and three or four Mexicans followed the party that stole the donkeys, and came up with them in a rocky canyon, where the savages were fortified behind rocks. Mr. L. and one of the Mexicans fired a few shots at the Indians, who returned the fire, and set fire to the grass in the canyon. Two of the Mexicans got scared and took to their heels, leaving Mr. Lamberson and one Mexican, alone. Seeing that they could accomplish nothing, they also retreated.

The loss to Mr. Burger, of his horses, is a severe one, he having just lost a big crop of barley by the frost and drought. Mr. Lamberson's loss will also fall heavily upon him, but he has become so used to losing in this way that it troubles him but little. In fact, the savages have scarcely ever failed, when visiting the Grove, to do him the honor of robbing him of some sort of property, and, upon one occasion, the scoundrels came within an ace of taking his life.

The night of the day on which they stole the burros, L. R. Stephenson took his gun and went out to watch some grain, to keep it from falling into the hands of thieving Apaches. Getting weary, during the night, he lay down on the ground, and was stung twice by a scorpion. When our informant left, Steve was in a bad way from the effects of the poison injected into his veins by the venomous scorpion, but it was thought that he would soon get over it, and we hope that he is now hale and hearty as ever. Surely, life in some parts of this Territory is anything but pleasant. But that is not the fault of the Territory. Government and the red devils are to blame for all our troubles.

## Cowardly Attempt at Murder.

About ten o'clock Wednesday evening last, at the Diana Saloon, in this place, Harry Lightner, a well-known desperado, tried his best to kill Bradley Sion, by shooting him with a pistol. The parties had some words about a game of laro, when Lightner drew his pistol and fired four shots at Sion, who, being unarmed and under the influence of liquor, was powerless to defend himself from his murderous assailant. Three of the shots took effect, and Sion is now in a critical condition. Before those present could muster presence of mind to arrest the would-be murderer, he fled, and is still at large. Search has been made for him, but without avail. One of the bullets hit Sion in the groin, and passing through the bladder, inflicted a dangerous, if not fatal wound. The wounded man is being attended to by Drs. Kendall and McCandless, who have extracted the bullets. Lightner is about 5 feet 10 inches in height, of sandy complexion; wore burnside whiskers; had on a checkered shirt and pants made of material resembling corduroy. He is a very bad man, and it is the hope of this entire community that he will be arrested and brought to grief. He had been in this place but a short time previous to the shooting. Before coming here, he shot at, and barely missed killing a Chinaman, at Wickenburg. Sion has lived here for some time, and is well thought of by those who know him.

TALK OF INCORPORATING.—We learn that a goodly number of our citizens are in favor of having the town incorporated, and that steps looking to the accomplishment of that end will soon be taken.

WILL CELEBRATE.—The general public having failed to move in the matter of celebrating the coming National Anniversary, the patriotic members of the Prescott Brass Band have resolved to celebrate it, and have invited some of their friends to participate in a picnic, to be given by the Band, at some point near town. They will also give a ball, on the evening of the fourth, to which all are invited. As yet, they have not fixed the price of tickets, for ball and supper, but we learn that not more than enough to cover expenses will be charged. Supper will be served at Hatz's restaurant.

SINGING SCHOOL.—Our worthy fellow citizen, R. E. Elliott, deserves well of those whom he has instructed in the art of singing, and we hope, soon, to hear of his having received an appropriate testimonial from them, in order to show him that they appreciate his kindness in instructing them, "without money and without price," which, we know, they do.

WM. N. KELLY, of the Prescott meat market, Granite street, keeps on hand, for sale, lots of such good things as butter, eggs, milk, onions, potatoes, meats of every description, "spassengers," and other rare tit-bits. Go and swindle him out of some of these things. He is good-natured, and will stand it.

OUR EASTERN SETTLEMENTS.—Theodore W. Boggs and other citizens of the Lower Agua Frio came to town and returned again this week. Mr. B. assured us that the corn down his way was growing finely. Indians were plenty in the vicinity, but had not recently killed anybody or stolen anything.

GEORGE GAUBA, miller at Bowers' Agua Frio mill, came up from the ranch and mill Wednesday last, and informed us that while out hunting, a short time ago, in company with Ed. Peck, they came upon a fresh Indian trail, over which a large party of old and young Apaches had just passed. The Indians were making for the Black Canyon country. The trail led from the Black Hills, north of Woolsey and Lonsome Valleys.

COL. DANA, Paymaster U. S. A., who arrived here recently, and paid the troops at Fort Whipple, started for San Francisco early the present week. We understand that, for want of funds, he did not pay the troops at Fort Rawlins and Camp Toll Gate, but, as another paymaster is expected here with General Stoneman, the men at those posts will not have to wait long for their pay. Colonel Dana visited the new camp near the White Mountains, on his recent trip through the Territory, and was highly pleased with the site selected for the proposed new post.

## Good News.

Charles Franklin and others arrived at Fort Whipple yesterday afternoon, from the Verde, with news to the effect that Captain Hawley's command, of the Third Cavalry, got back there a few days ago, after having found excellent routes for roads to New Mexico, and Camp Ord, in this Territory. The command was fired into several times, by Indians, at night. While returning, an Indian rancheria was surprised; when one Indian was killed and seven captured. Time and space will not now permit us to say more upon this subject than that the Captain and his command have done well. General Wheaton, who planned the expedition, is also deserving of credit.

RAINS.—It commenced raining here, about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and was still raining when we went to press, two hours later. God grant that we may get plenty of it.

## School Exhibition.

The second term of the Prescott School ended Friday of last week, and, at two o'clock of that day, S. C. Rogers, the careful and intelligent teacher, gathered his scholars in Kerr's new building, and, in presence of several ladies and gentlemen, examined the youngsters, which examination we have been told, gave entire satisfaction. At 7:30 o'clock on the evening of the same day, the scholars, with their teacher, again assembled at the same place, and gave an exhibition of once creditable to themselves, their teacher and the town. The exercises were varied, and the clever manner in which the little ones acquitted themselves brought forth the applause of the great number of spectators present. At the close of the exhibition, Mr. Rogers gave a detailed account of his personal efforts here, in the cause of education; showed how he had, with loss to himself, kept the school running, and hoped that parents and others would go to work, in earnest, and establish schools, in accordance with law. He then, at his own expense, made presents of books, etc., to the children, and, by so doing, gladdened their joyful little hearts, so much so that their eyes twinkled with delight. The Prescott Brass Band, another institution of which our townspeople may well feel proud, was present, and played several beautiful tunes in a way that satisfied listeners that they (the members of the band) were masters of their instruments, and had considerable music in their souls.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS have been in session, during the week, as a Board of Equalization, adjusting assessments, etc. We will publish their proceedings so soon as they get through with business.

BARNARD & CO., have recently replenished their stock of stationery, notions, tobacco, cigars, etc., and invite the public to call at the Postoffice and examine their goods. See advertisement.

## New Advertisements.

**PIONEER STABLE,**  
Granite Street, Prescott.

**LIVERY AND FEED STABLE.**

First class Saddle and Buggy Teams.

All stock in this Stable will be WELL FED and cared for. Plenty of Stable room and a large Corral.

Come and see for us.

F. C. AYRES.

**JUST RECEIVED.**—A fine lot of Virginia Tobacco, of the following brands: Belle of Virginia, Antelope Navy, La Plata, Comstock, Gold Duck, Atlantic Cable, Golden Eagle, Golden Flake, Chesapeake, Champion, Amber Flake, Sun Pearl, Shower of Pearl-smoking.

No more "Poor Tobacco" at our place.

G. W. BARNARD & CO.

**All Kinds of Stationery at**

**BARNARD & CO'S.**

**BOOK AND JOB PRINTING.**

OF EVERY

Done in Good Style.

At the MINER Office.

Orders solicited.

Prices reasonable.

JOHN H. MARION, Proprietor.

Prescott, Arizona, April 15, 1869.

**Administrator's Sale.**

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order of the Probate Court, in and for the County of Yavapai, Territory of Arizona, duly made and entered on the 31 day of May, A. D. 1870, in the matter of the estate of FRANCISCO POUGET, deceased, the undersigned administrator of said estate, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, and subject to confirmation by said Probate Court, on **Monday, the 23d day of May, A. D. 1870,** at 12 o'clock M. of that day, in front of the Court House, in the town of Prescott, all the right, title, interest and estate of said intestate at the time of his death, and all the interest that said estate has, by operation of law or otherwise, acquired other than or in addition to, that of the said intestate at the time of his death, in and to one hundred and twelve (112) feet in the first eastern extension of the Volante mine, and two lots, with buildings and improvements thereon, known as Frank's meat market, on the north side of Main street, in the town of Wickenburg, and County of Yavapai.

By J. P. HANCOCK, Attorney.

Prescott, May 7, 1870.

**Postponement of Sale.**

The above sale is postponed until **Saturday July 2d, 1870.**

JOS. KELLY, Administrator.

**I. O. O. F., ARIZONA LODGE, NO. 1.**

Regular Meetings of this Lodge on Wednesday Evenings, at Masonic Hall. Members of the Order, in good standing, are invited to attend.

J. T. ALSAP, R. S.

**AZTLAN LODGE, No. 177, F. & A. M.**

Regular Meetings of this Lodge on the last Saturday of each month, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Brotherhood brethren are fraternally invited to attend.

G. W. CURTIS, W. M.

E. W. WELLS, Secretary.

A full supply of all the Patent Medicines at Dr. KENDALL'S Pioneer Drug Store.

## Prescott Advertisements.

### ARMY SUPPLIES.

Office of the Assistant Commissary of Subsistence.  
Camp at Toll-Gate, A. T., May 26th, 1870.

Sealed Proposals, in Triplicate, will be received at this office until twelve o'clock M.

**Saturday, July 2d, 1870.**

for supplying the U. S. Subsistence Department

**AT CAMP TOLL-GATE, A. T.**

WITH ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY (150) TONS OF HAY.

Bids will be received for the entire amount, or any part thereof, provided that no bid is less than twenty-five (25) tons.

The hay to be of the best quality, free from roots, sticks and dirt, and to be delivered at the Government Corral, at Camp Toll-Gate, A. T., at such times, and in such quantities, as may be required by the Assistant Commissary of Subsistence, or other competent authority, and always be subject to inspection by the receiving officer.

No hay cut with hoes will be received.

All bids must have a copy of this advertisement, (a slip cut from this paper) attached to them, and each proposal must be accompanied by a statement, signed by the parties offered by the bidder as his sureties, stating their willingness to enter into bonds, for the faithful performance of any contract that may be awarded him.

Proposals must be written and also expressed in figures, and be signed in U. S. Legal Tender Notes.

Payment will be made immediately after receipt of the hay, if the Subsistence Department be in funds; if not, then as soon as funds may be received for that purpose.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

No contract made under this advertisement will be considered in force until approved by the Sub-District, Department and Division Commanders.

Proposals to be included in an envelope, and indorsed:—

Proposals for Hay for the Subsistence Department at Camp Toll-Gate, A. T., and directed to the undersigned.

Bids must be subject to the conditions of this advertisement, and will not be considered unless the persons making them are present in person or by attorney, at the opening of the bids.

E. B. HUBBARD,  
First Lieut. U. S. Army,  
Assistant Commissary of Subsistence.

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### PLAZA FEED AND SALE STABLE.

Goodwin Street, Opposite Plaza.

**PRESCOTT, ARIZONA.**

THE undersigned, having purchased the Stable of J. D. McWhorter, would respectfully inform the public, that they intend keeping constantly on hand

**HAY AND GRAIN,**

Of the best quality, and at the lowest rates, for Cash.

Team, Saddle and Pack Animals always on hand for sale or hire.

GIDEON BARNARD,  
JACOB LYNN.

Prescott, October 24, 1868.

### Pioneer Meat Market.

Granite Street, Prescott.

Constantly on hand,

**Beef, Pork, Mutton,**

Pork Sausages, Potatoes, Onions, &c.

WM. N. KELLY, Proprietor.

Prescott, November 27, 1869.

A. WOLFF, San Bernardino.

410 Sacramento Street, San Francisco.

### WOLFF & FOLKS,

Commission and Forwarding Merchants,

m1770 San Bernardino, California.

### WARM AND COLD

At OTTO'S New Shaving and Hair Cutting Saloon,

Montezuma Street, Prescott, Arizona.

Shaving, Hair Cutting, etc., in the most approved manner.

THEODORE OTTO.

### ARIZONA BREWERY AND SALOON

Next Door to the Post Office.

**Excellent Lager Beer,**

Of our own manufacture.

**Imported Wines, Liquors and Cigars.**

Always on hand, and for sale.

JACKSON & BRO.

Prescott, October 2, 1869.

### PIONEER BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTORY,

GRANITE STREET, PRESCOTT.

On hand and for sale, an excellent assortment of Ready-Made BOOTS, etc., for Ladies, Men, Children and Gentlemen.

Boots, shoes, etc., made to order. Repairing promptly attended to. Prices reasonable. JOHN LAUGHLIN.

### Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between William Brecht and Louis Wortman, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

William Brecht is alone authorized to settle all the outstanding accounts of the company.

WILLIAM BRECHT,  
LOUIS WORTMAN.

Prescott, June 15, 1870.

### ARIZONA STAGE LINE.

**La Paz to Prescott.**

Regular Weekly Trips,

by Stage, with the Mail, will be made between La Paz and Prescott. A four-horse passenger stage will leave La Paz every Saturday, connecting with the stages on the California end of the line, from San Bernardino, arriving at Wickenburg on Mondays, and at Prescott on Tuesdays. Passengers returning will arrive at La Paz on Fridays, connecting with the stage for California that departs Saturday morning.

For Packages, &c., forwarded on reasonable terms.

JAMES GRANT, Conductor.

Prescott, October 2, 1869.